

## DIVVER'S BUNCO FRIENDS.

### SHELTERED A GANG OF THEM:

"CONFIDENCE" MAN.

OF THE CRIMINALS--POLICE PROTECTION  
BOUGHT FOR NEFARIOUS SWINDLERS--

YEAR'S PRESENT.

Police Justice "Paddy" Dwyer was the central figure in the proceedings before the Lexow Committee yesterday, although he was not present in the courtroom. It may have been thought difficult to bring out any facts which could smirch his present character much, but the disclosures made by Frank Clarke, a former gambler and

made by Frank Clarke, a former gambler, "bunco steerer," showed that the community had not had knowledge of all the devious methods by which Diver won wealth and political power. Clarke's story was that Diver furnished the

money with which swindlers' earnings of \$25,000 and his barroom (in Park Row, where the headquarters of the gang, in the "bunco game" and in the "green-goods" swindle, it is necessary to show the victim a large amount of good money. The bills thus used were kept, in Divver's safe, every night. The witness often saw "Ed" Parmley or Parmley pay Divver money, and was certain that the latter was dividing the profits of the nefarious business in which the liquor-seller advanced the capital and Parmley did the work. The circumstance which came to light not long ago shows that the intimacy between Divver and "Ed" Parmley, king of the "bunco men" has continued to within a recent time. In 1892 Divver bought the property No. 75 Park Row. Half a dozen deeds were filed to cover up the Police Justice's connection with the transaction, but one of the persons who appeared in it was Mrs. Catherine E. Pierce, sister of "Ed" Parmley, or Edward Parmley Jones, to use his real name. Divver sold the property at an advance of \$25,000. Clarke's story gave some interesting revela-

steers" about the protection given to "bunco steers" and "three-card monte" men by the police. His narrative in this respect was similar to that of George Appo, the "green-goods" man who was a witness last week. Clarke's gang paid \$500 to the police for the privilege of opening business in the district, and gave a substantial sum, besides, at regular intervals. In addition, if the victim "squealed" that is, lodged a complaint with the authorities, the police took half of what he had lost. Clarke's experience with officers who levied blackmail dated back many years, and he had never been arrested for "buncoing" countrymen.

Clarke's tale was of thrilling interest, and was indeed a fitting companion one to that of Appo. It showed that in many cases the police were actually in partnership with crime, and instead of crushing it out shared the profits of it.

John W. Goff pursued a little further his investigations into the Bohemian Liquor Dealers

Association of the XXth and XXIII Assembly districts. One member explained yesterday that it was formed to keep the price of beer at 8 cents a pint, and to obtain police protection. The first object was apparently never prominent; the second one illustrates the impudence of police blackmail. These liquor-dealers were poor and could not afford to pay the police.

pay only a small sum a week. The ward man, therefore, encouraged Bohemians to join the organization, so that its treasury could collect the "protection" money and pay it to him in bulk.

Captain Strauss and his ward man, Lang, appeared in an unpleasant light, to say the least, from the testimony yesterday. These Bohemian liquor-sellers decided to give the "pantata," or

head father, as they termed the police captain, \$100 as a New-Year's gift, and \$25 to the ward detective. Strauss, after receiving the cash, said he didn't want it, but was easily persuaded not to return it. Lang didn't have even such slight compunctions. Indeed, so well understood are now the functions of the ward man that Mr. Strauss' assistant teachers, who he asked to

Long declined to accept his gift.

The committee will meet again to-day.

For details of the examination of witnesses, see Page 11.

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**"PADDY" SPURNS THE ACCUSATION.**

HE SAYS THE CHARGES ARE TRUMPED UP, AND HE ASKS THE PUBLIC TO LOOK AT THE PURITY OF HIS LIFE FOR PROOF OF IT.

Police Justice Patrick Dwyer was in the city yesterday.

terday morning, but as soon as the startling revelations before the Lexow Committee were made and reporters began to hunt after him, "Paddy" faded mysteriously away. All his friends "saw him only an hour ago," or were discussing philosophy and ethics with him in his barroom just before luncheon, but they had no idea where he had gone. His own rooftop knew him not, the P. Diver Association

rooms were made desolate by his absence, and all his usual haunts were in the same sad plight. The mystery was justified, however, when word came last night that Justice Dwyer had taken an express train to the fastnesses of his elegant country home at Par Rockaway, L. I.

He was seen at his home in Broadway there last night, and was asked to say something in reference to the charges made against him before the Lexow

Committee by the witness, Frank Clarke, to the effect that the Justice had extended protection to swindlers and had had a part of the proceeds. Judge Dwyer denied the truth of the tale told by the witness. He said he did not know Clarke, and simply knew Patmeyer, or Jones, as his real name is, through hearsay. It was new to him, he said, that Jones kept a gambling establishment, and that the Justice was most emphatic and that he had never seen more from any law

"Those charges," said Mr. Divver, "are simply trumped up by my political enemies. I never spent a dollar in a gambling-house in my life; no, sir, never! My New-York neighbors can testify to what my private life has been, and I am sure that the charges made against me are a complete lie. I am the man charged against me by the man Clarke."

When the Police Justice was asked what he thought of Richard Croker's resignation and departure for Europe, he said he thought Mr. Croker

was heartily sick of politics and political life. Mr. Croker had a family to rear, he said, and desired to devote his time to that.

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**HOWARD GOULD EMBARKS IN BUSINESS.**

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**A LIMITED PARTNERSHIP WITH WIDE-SPREADING INTERESTS—COLOMBIA THE BASE OF OPERATIONS.**

Papers filed in the office of the County Clerk yesterday show that Howard Gould has become a member of the limited co-partnership doing business under the name of Julio Vale, as a special partner contributing \$100,000 to the common stock of the firm. Julio Vale is a resident of San Jose de Cucuta, Colombia. The limited co-partnership under the name of Julio Vale is organized for the

general merchandise, export and import business, and the present time conducted by Julio Vale and Rodolfo Contreras, of Colombia; the establishment, maintenance and development of a general merchandise exchange business, owned by the Commission and commercial exchange business, owned by San Jose, Colombia, and New York City, and elsewhere, as may be determined by the Commission upon the acquisition, development, irrigation and operation of cattle ranches, coffee plantations and farms, for the purpose of grazing and general agriculture in

the States of Colombia, Venezuela and elsewhere, and the acquisition, maintenance, development and operation of railroads and other means of transit and transportation in said States and elsewhere.

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**KEARSARGE REUNION IN BOSTON.**  
 Boston, June 19.—Twenty-three of the veterans who were aboard the United States corvette Kearsarge when she sent the Alabama to the bottom

gathered in annual reunion in Faneuil Hall today at just the hour that Captain Winslow called them to quarters thirty years ago. It was a disappointment to them that the loss of the *Kearybarge* prevented the fulfillment of the cherished plan to rally again upon her deck at the old familiar stations. The annual dinner was served, and a 'smoke talk' followed.